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RE: Meeting taking place March 11, 2016 at 11:00 AM An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water and Support for Substitute SB 422.

Dear Planning and Development Committee,

I am deeply concerned about the preservation of water. I am writing this letter to help Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought. If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water in CT needs to stop. I support the following actions to be taken:

- Rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers. They extract large amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill the environment with plastic pollution, and profit while citizens are conserving and paying more.
- Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*). CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water; no discounts for corporations.
- Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee.
- Impose a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies diverting water out of watersheds.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I know that intelligence will triumph over greed.

Regards,

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